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1. Discussion of the current S & T exploitation program with DA analysts indicated that the present abstracting program is not essential. The abstracts are only being used to a limited degree because of the high percentage of extraneous material and the considerable volume of cards received. Cover-to-cover exploitation, as currently practiced, is considered to be wasteful of manpower and does not provide adequate breadth of coverage. FDD's science news items and trend reports have proved to be of much more value to the DA analysts.

2. In general, Army supports the proposed FDD program for limited coverage of high priority subjects, but considers that limiting the surveys to CBR and guided missile developments would be too restrictive. In this connection, Army supports Navy in the request for addition of an electronics survey report. In supporting the FDD program, it is understood that the suggested program will be concerned with Soviet R & D, but reporting of information from the same publications used in the S & T program and concerning production of end items having military significance and R & D implications will be continued as part of FDD's economic coverage in the several Soviet and Satellite Summaries. This latter coverage will not necessarily be keyed to the priorities established for the S & T Program.

3. DA priorities for information concerning Soviet Bloc research and developments are listed in G-2 Intelligence Collection Memorandum No. 2, subject: Priorities for the Collection of Soviet Bloc Research and Development Information, dated 1 June 1955. These priorities are in general accord with DCID 4/5.

4. In addition to the surveys suggested by FDD, Army believes that a need exists for limited reporting of items having high significance in a more expeditious manner than the monthly reports. Such items might be reported in the OO-W series reports and would be in response to statements of interest.

5. Army considers that special attention should be directed to the coverage of R & D in Czechoslovakia and Hungary among the Satellites. Experience of DA analysts indicates that both of these countries are conducting considerable independent research in certain fields such as electronics. It has also been noted that publications from these two countries and Poland have included many articles of a technical nature which have not duplicated similar Soviet articles. Coverage of East German R & D activities is generally adequate from sources other than publications.

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